

Dear Ms Fogerty

Thank you for raising Queensland Law Society's major policies priorities with the LNP ahead of the 2024 state election.

Queenslanders will be asking themselves at this election whether their lives are better or worse after almost a decade under Labor and who has the right priorities for Queensland's future.

This election is Queensland's chance for a fresh start.

With respect to the issues you have raised, I can advise the following:

**Making good law that serves the public good**

The LNP is aware of the impact on community organisations and stakeholders due to the Government's consistent demands for short turn arounds on consultation.

The LNP will seek to provide as much time as possible on proposed legislation to increase transparency around the Parliamentary process, and will work with stakeholders to ensure we have legislation which supports Queenslanders living safe and peacefully in our communities.

**Accessible Queensland courts, commissions and tribunals – digitisation, infrastructure and support services**

The LNP is committed to fair and equitable justice for all, no matter where you live, and will work to upgrade our court facilities, including digital capacity, toward this aim. The safety of our courts must be at the highest standard to ensure trauma is minimised and victims are protected when attending.

**Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) - urgent support required**

The LNP will maintain existing funding and commitments to QCAT and will consult with relevant stakeholders on the ongoing needs of this service.

**Judicial Commission for Queensland**

The LNP will consult further on this issue should we form Government in October.

**Responding to the legal needs of all Queenslanders**

The Community Legal Centre network is an essential part of Queensland's justice service and the LNP is committed to ensuring it is appropriately resourced for the future.

**Youth justice and child protection**

The LNP will not raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and will remove detention as a last resort.

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**Advancing the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

The LNP will not continue with the treaty process. Our focus will be on addressing the Closing the Gap outcomes.

**Criminal Law reform**

The LNP will appropriately consult with stakeholders on any proposed changes to criminal law, ensuring impacted sections of the justice system are appropriately funded to deal with reforms.

**Responding to domestic and family violence in our community**

The LNP will continue the roll out of domestic and family violence specialist courts and upgrades to court facilities to keep women and children safe when in court. The LNP will bring the reform needed to protect victims and hold perpetrators to account.

**Health law reform, disability and meeting the needs of older Queenslanders**

The LNP will work to ensure the safety and respect of older Queenslanders and Queenslanders living with disability. We will have a particular focus on the Public Trustee and Guardianship system, and reforms to protect older Queenslanders from elder abuse.

**Reforming Queensland's anti-discrimination laws**

The LNP will discuss with stakeholders the next steps for anti-discrimination laws in Queensland.

**Sustainability and climate response**

The LNP will reduce emissions and reach Net Zero by 2050 by working with industry sectors to develop achievable and practical plans.

**Supporting the Queensland economy, businesses, consumers and not for profit organisations**

The LNP is the party of small and family businesses and we will grow future opportunities by backing small businesses and investing in innovation. The LNP supported the implementation of a seller disclosure scheme and will ensure this is done effectively.

**Food security, planning and land use**

The LNP will ensure the food security of Queensland for generations to come. The LNP supports the ambition of the government's renewable energy targets and will ensure a code of conduct is established for renewable energy developers. This code of conduct will be developed in consultation with industry, and be aimed at driving social licence in the rural and regional communities that host renewable energy infrastructure.

**Housing affordability and availability**

Queensland is in the middle of a housing crisis and the LNP's Securing our Housing

Foundations plan will address this through 6 key areas:

1. Big Boost into Home Ownership
  - a. Abolish stamp duty for all new homes, for first home buyers.
  - b. Raise the Stamp Duty concession threshold in full for existing homes, up to \$700,000 and partially up to \$800,000, for first home buyers.
2. Boost to Buy with a new shared equity home ownership program designed to close the deposit gap for buyers without access to the bank of mum and dad.
3. Unlock the Homes for Queensland's Future with a plan for one million extra houses homes by 2044, new Regional Plans (with infrastructure plans) for every corner of Queensland and fast-tracked approvals.
4. Open the Door to housing by removing restrictions preventing first home buyer grant recipients from renting-out rooms and opening-up rental supply.
5. Homes with Purpose, with 10,000 new social and community homes on church and charity-owned land, unleashing the community housing sector and clear targets to ramp-up social housing.
6. Breaking Down the Barriers to Building, by fast-tracking development approvals and building new homes quicker, safeguarding the materials and tradies needed to build the homes for Queensland's future.

### **Supporting legal practices as essential community infrastructure**

The LNP is committed to ensuring Queenslanders in all regions have access to legal services and will work with stakeholders to this end.

### **Privacy, data and technology**

The LNP is aware of growing concerns around privacy. We will work with the sector and across jurisdictions to ensure Queenslanders have the right legislation in place to protect their privacy and data, while having a transparent government that values openness and transparency.

### **Maintaining the right to fair injury compensation for all Queenslanders**

The LNP has not considered any changes to the CTP scheme. If the current review is not finalised before the election, then we will consider the material and conclude the review.

In conclusion, after a decade of Labor, Queensland is heading in the wrong direction on the key issues of Youth Crime, Health, Cost of living and Housing.

Our State needs a Fresh Start and the LNP has The Right Plan for Queensland's Future, which includes:

- Safety where you live – through stronger laws like Adult Crime, Adult Time and gold standard early intervention
- Health services when you need them – by axing Labor's Patients' Tax, a tax

which doctors have said will end bulk billing and make GP visits more expensive

- Respect for your money – by stopping Labor’s expensive budget blowouts which are pushing up costs for families
- A place to call home – by abolishing stamp duty on new builds for first home buyers
- A government that works for you – to address challenges for the long term, not band-aid solutions at election time

See more of our plan and keep up to date on recent announcements at [rightplanqld.com.au](http://rightplanqld.com.au).

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Queensland Law Society’s priorities and we look forward to future engagement about these matters.

Yours sincerely

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**State Director**

